GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE/NON-AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES IN HOSPITALS
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that despite allocation of a huge budget to Government hospitals in Delhi, there is a huge shortage/non-availability of medicines in the dispensaries of these hospitals, as reported in the Nav Bharat Times dated June 20, 2003;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof along with the action taken in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI A.RAJA)

(a) to (d): In so far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi i.e. Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medica College & Associated Hospitals are concerned, the medicines are distributed free of cost in the OPD as per approved formulary of the concerned hospital. However, on some occasion if some particular item/items goes out of stock, it may take some time for replenishment due to unavoidable reasons.